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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/113,053.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicants arguments filed on Feb. 23, 2004 have been fully considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cyman et al. (Cyman) (US 5,949,438) and Ho et al. (Ho) (5,923,882).

Cyman discloses in Fig. 3, an image printing apparatus that comprises a print head (col. 8, lines 26-29), a microcontroller (64) with processor circuitry, print head interface circuitry (600) that is connected between the processor and the print head (Fig. 3), buffer memory connected to the print head interface (col. 10, lines 41-59) and bus interface that is discrete from the print head interface and is connect to he processor so that the processor can communicate with devices other than the print head via a bus. However, Cyman does not explicitly disclose a microcontroller having a VLIW processor with the processor circuitry on a wafer substrate. Official Notice is taken that it is well known in the art of microcontrollers and processors to utilize a wafer substrate to position the processor circuitry. Ho discloses in col. lines 38-54, VLIW processor for printing circuitry. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to provide the processor circuitry of Cyman on a wafer substrate in order to achieve smaller size and easier manufacturing, and to provide a microcontroller

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with VLIW processor to the invention of Cyman in order to optimizing communication as taught by Ho in col. 7, line 53 - col. 8, line 10.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cyman et al. (Cyman) in view of Granzow (5,751,318) and Ho et al. (Ho).

Cyman discloses in Fig. 3, an image printing apparatus that comprises a print head (col. 8, lines 26-29), a microcontroller (64) with processor circuitry, print head interface circuitry (600) that is connected between the processor and the print head (Fig. 3) and bus interface that is discrete from the print head interface and is connect to he processor so that the processor can communicate with devices other than the print head via a bus. However, Cyman does not explicitly disclose a microcontroller with the processor circuitry with VLIW processor on a wafer substrate. Cyman also does not disclose a page width print head with a plurality of nozzle with micro electromechanical device that is capable of ejecting ink from a nozzle. Official Notice is taken that it is well known in the art of microcontrollers and processors to utilize a wafer substrate to position the processor circuitry. Ho discloses in col. lines 38-54, VLIW processor for printing circuitry. Granzow discloses in Fig. 1, 10 and 14, a page width pring head with a plurality of nozzle arrangements with a micro electromechanical device for ejecting ink (col. 14, lines 8-40, col. 16, lines 24-40). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to provide the processor circuitry of Cyman on a wafer substrate in order to achieve smaller size and easier manufacturing. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to provide a page width print head of Granzow and the VLIW processor of Ho

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to the invention of Cyman because of the advantages provided by a page width printhead such as eliminating movement of the printhead and thereby increasing reliability as taught by Granzow in col. 3, lines 56-67 and optimization of communication as taught by Ho in col. 7, line 53 – col. 8, line 10.

Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cyman et al. (Cyman) in view of Granzow as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Lloyd (EPA 0334546).

The further difference between the modified Cyman and the claimed invention is the print head interface configured to define a number of registers for storing clocking and control information. Lloyd discloses in Fig. 1, a print head interface (13 and 19) which defines a number of registers for storing clocking information to be received by the print head in accordance with a predetermined algorithm (col. 6, lines 23-59) from the processor circuitry (21, 23). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to provide the print head interface which defines a number of registers for storing clocking information because such arrangement can be adjusted routinely at printer start up and/or periodically during operation which helps to accommodate gradual changes in power and avoid adverse effects of heat as taught by Lloyd in col. 5, lines 1-19.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cyman et al. (Cyman) in view of Granzow and Lloyd as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Kupcho et al. (Kupcho) (5,670,995).

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The further difference between the modified Cyman and the claimed invention is the print head interface circuitry connected to an address and data bus which is connected to a central processing unit of the microcontroller and the interface circuitry connected to buffer memory. Kupcho discloses in Fig. 5, the print head interface circuitry (216) connected to the data bus and connected to CPU of microcontroller (computer system, col. 8, lines 60-67) which addresses the registers with the clocking and control information (col. 9, lines 12-40). Kupcho also discloses the memory buffer (220, 218) connected the interface. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to provide the data bus and the memory buffer because such arrangement makes an efficient use of computer's computational resources and it also decreases the amount of time required to form an image as taught by Kupcho in col. 3, lines 1-7 and col. 9, lines 41-61.

Remarks

In response to applicant's arguments 112 rejection is withdrawn.

Applicant argues that in the second office action the examiner considered claims 3 and 5 as defining allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. Applicant argues that after the limitation of claim 3 have been incorporated into the independent claims, the examiner still did not allow the claims. In response, the examiner calls attention to the language of the original claims 3, which is directed towards an image printing apparatus in which "the processor circuitry of the microcontroller is in the form of VLIW processor circuitry." The language incorporated in the independent claims is

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“microcontroller having VLIW processor circuitry.” The examiner maintains that using “having” instead of “is” substantially broaden the limitation of original claim 3.

Further, when the examiner indicated claim 6 as including allowable subject matter, claim 6 encompasses the limitations of claims 4 from which claim 6 depends, as well as claim 2 from which claim 4 depends. Lastly, due to application of Ho reference, the indication of allowable subject matter was withdrawn from the previous office action, and the previous action was made non-final.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

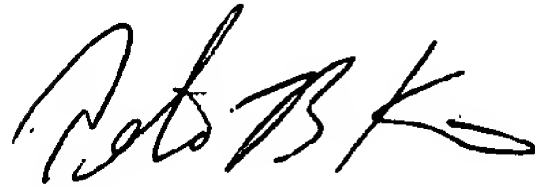
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Kim whose telephone number is (571) 272-2120. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays during the same hours.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ Adams can be reached on 571-272-2112. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571 -272-2800.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter B. Kim', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter B. Kim
Patent Examiner
March 24, 2004